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PITSEA

Dear Grattan

I need to ensure that we have instructions on the residents' position on the Pitsea site.

I need answers to the following points/questions:

(a) whether they would like to reside at Pitsea permanently or, merely until a better site could be identified,

(b) whether they would prefer to reside at Pitsea or be thrown onto the open road and, briefly, why e.g. educational continuity, medical treatment etc. In particular, it is important that they make it clear, if it is the position, that Pitsea would enable the kids to keep attending the same schools, the ill to go to the same doctors etc (or would enable the kids to start at new schools but with long term stability; registration with new doctors but with long term stability, etc.)

(c) whether it would enable those who are working to go on doing the same jobs (this is important as one hole in our evidence so far is employment links with the Basildon area and this is an opportunity to fill it!),

(d) the issues of road noise, air quality, potentially contaminated land, risk of water pollution and the public footpath that Basildon rely on as reasons for not giving us use of the site (see the report to committee for 24 Jan 2006),

(e) their views on the various financial packages proposed by the ODPM e.g. lease to the residents, sale to the residents by EP.

(f) whether the Pitsea site is big enough for all of the Claimants to reside on it.

Also, can you tell me when the residents were first told about this possible site.

In particular had they been consulted by Basildon about their views

(a) before Councillor Buckley wrote to the ODPM on 25.11.05 telling them the site was "completely

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unsuitable" and

(b) before the meeting on 24.1.06? (as I think Basildon arguably should have consulted with us before this.)

On a different point, concerning the meeting of 24 January:

When were the residents notified of the 24th Jan 2006 meeting?

Can you also ask the people who were at that meeting to comment on how the "additional information" from Davies Gore Lomax was "presented" and how long it was considered for? It is not clear from the minutes whether or not the information was handed out to members or just a verbal summary was given? If it was handed out, whether there was physically time for it to be read and considered?

I await hearing from you shortly.

Thanks

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